

The fact that Pappas Telecasting Company is going to donate \$325,000 in airtime to California Republican candidates, in certain areas, is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Once again, localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law, laws that the FCC is mandated to uphold, to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard.

Thank you.

The FCC needs to  
drop it's partisan  
stance and start to  
hold these  
conglomerates  
accountable!